

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 12, 13, and 15-17 are pending in the application, claims 1, 3-8, and 15-17 are allowed, and claims 12 and 13 are rejected. Claims 12 and 13 have been cancelled.

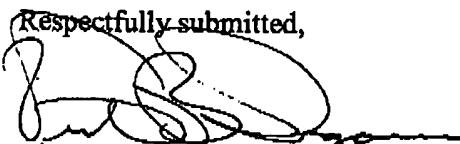
I. CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 USC § 103

Examiner rejects claims 12 and 13 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kondo (6,157,625). These claims have been cancelled. Examiner has indicated that the remaining claims are allowed.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of Applicants' amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Examiner's rejections under 35 USC § 103, have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorneys at (602) 952-4399.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge deposit Account No. 50-2117 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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